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Three New Teachers Complement MBA Faculty

By RICHARD DUNCAN

The 1982-83 school year, with the addition of a Latin teacher and two basketball coaches, brings several important faculty changes to MBA.

At the end of last year, Mrs. Hagen substituted for Mrs. Hightower in the English Department. This year, Mrs. Hagen returns to MBA to join Dr. Gaffney, Mr. Fisher, and Mr. Gaither in the Latin Department as a part-time teacher. She will teach two Latin II classes. Mrs. Hagen received her undergraduate degree from the University of Kentucky.

The most significant addition to the faculty this year is that of two basketball coaches. Mr. Bostick and Mr. Elliott. Mr. Bostick will be the head junior varsity coach as well as the assistant varsity coach. In addition, he will coach microbe baseball in the Spring. Mr. Bostick played basketball for the North Carolina Tarheels from 1965 to 1967. After two years at UNC, he transferred to Auburn, where he received his B.A. degree. He later returned to UNC to get his Master's degree. As far as his plans for the J.V. basketball team, Mr. Bostick told *The Bell Ringer*, "We are hoping to emphasize defense and to play a team-oriented offense and defense." He said one of the goals of the J.V. team will be to "have the best defense in the league." Mr.

Bostick's teaching duties include three computer classes and two math classes. Next semester, he will also teach an advanced computer class.

Not many Vanderbilt basketball fans will soon forget Mark Elliott, the hustling guard from Kingsport who was an important leader on the team from 1976 to 1980. Although he is well-known for his exceptional basketball talent, Mark Elliott was also the starting center-fielder on the Vandy baseball team. Last Spring, MBA named Mark Elliott the new Varsity Basketball coach to improve the school's declining basketball fortunes. He will also coach the Microbe B team in football and will be the assistant varsity baseball coach. Coach Elliott will teach 7th and 8th grade Word Wealth. Recently, he commented to *The Bell Ringer* that "first we want to learn how to play the game." Furthermore, he said, "we will concentrate on defense and ball control, and we will adapt to what we have." Coach Elliott emphasized that he will start with the basics of the game and then gradually move to a more sophisticated game plan as the team progresses.

With the addition of two talented basketball coaches, MBA's basketball team should certainly improve this year.

Art Plans For The Year

By TOMMY OLIPHANT

As the 1982-83 school year begins, Mr. Jim Womack, art director at MBA, had some thoughts and desires on our art program for this year. The program is divided into three segments; two required and an elective offered for the high school. Seventh grade art is required and involves the Basics. The students indulge in projects ranging from making their own paper and toying with basic color schemes to basic art history and sketching. In eighth grade, art is also required, yet more freedom is allowed. Students may undertake projects, which include calligraphy, clay animations, and printmaking; these areas may be developed further if the student opts for the high school art program, or "senior art".

"Senior Art" is primarily aimed at freedom of projects by the student. The only requirement is a commitment of six weeks, or more with an optional choice of days. A wide variety of projects are offered with emphasis placed on the personal instructor from the teacher (Mr. Womack) to the student. Art projects presently undertaken fall under a variety of categories and include such undertakings as perspective drawing, print making, silk screening, metal sculpture, and even film-making. Mr. Womack stressed that art is not for the gifted only. "The art room should not be the forbidding place it has become," said Womack. This year Mr. Womack is certainly ready, overly willing, and able to allow and help one with any artistic desire. Art is for everyone!

Forensics Team Successful

By BRYAN HASSEL

Over the summer, the debate team finished the 1981-82 season and prepared for the coming year. In June, the teams of Wyatt Wells and Craig Franklin, and Lyn Robbins and Bryan Hassel travelled to San Francisco for the National Debate Tournament. Wells and Franklin ended their high school debate careers by finishing fifth in the nation.

Later in the summer, several members of the debate team attended workshops at universities across the country. Lyn Robbins reached the semi-finals at the Baylor University workshop and received the award as first speaker. Sophomore Kyle Hardin travelled to the University of Louisville for its workshop, while freshman Madison Laird attended a workshop in Atlanta, Georgia. Most of the other debaters, including Griffin Vincent, Sam Chang, Doug

Johnson, Jonathon Springer, and Tommy Outlaw, attended the Georgetown University Institute.

Returning to Nashville, the team was ready for regular season competition. On September 24, the whole varsity squad travelled to Clarksville for the Austin Peay Tournament. The team of Sam Chang/Bryan Hassel took fourth

place. Lyn Robbins and Griffin Vincent lost in the final round to finish second. Robbins won the first speaker award.

The following weekend, the squad split up. At the Harrison-Chilhowee Baptist Academy tournament, Jonathon Springer and Madison Laird finished a strong third place. Hassel and Chang posted an undefeated record, highlighted by a first round victory over Knoxville Faragut and a final round victory over neighbor Hillsboro in the final round. Sam Chang was awarded fourth

speaker; Hassel took first.

The rest of the team travelled to the St. Mark's tournament in Dallas, Texas. Robbins/Vincent proceeded through the tournament to the final round in which they defeated a strong Kincaid team from Houston to capture first place at the tournament. Vincent was sixth speaker; Robbins once again was first.

The remainder of the fall holds a full schedule for the debate team. Major tournaments in the South include those at Mars Hill and Grissom High School, while the team will be attending tournaments on a national level in Chicago and New York. The team of Robbins/Vincent has also been invited to the prestigious Glenbrook Round Robin to be held in Chicago the week of Thanksgiving.

This challenging schedule, coupled with the team's outstanding performance to this point, promises an exciting and fruitful year this season for the MBA debaters.

Letter to the Editor

To the Editor,

We students at MBA seem to take a lot of things for granted, especially our teachers. Whenever we don't do well on a test or a quiz, we turn automatically to the best possible scapegoat, our teacher. Being rarely able to assume responsibility for our not having studied as hard as we should have, we take out our frustrations in ruthlessly criticizing our teachers. This type of attitude is horribly unjust. The truth is that we have at MBA some of the best teachers around. The faculty at MBA is very qualified and competent. Each teacher is truly sensitive and wishes to be as helpful to us students as possible. We should be grateful for teachers who expend so much time and effort in preparing their classes and who are always willing to help an individual student with a problem. We probably won't ever find better teachers anywhere else, even at college. I personally owe a lot to the teachers who have worked with me during my four years at MBA; we all do.

NOTE: Opinions expressed in this section of *The Bell Ringer* do not necessarily reflect the view of the Editors.

Cheerleaders Excite School Spirit

By MARK OLDHAM and SETH SHARPE

This year's cheerleaders, under the leadership of Captain Wade Wilkinson, hope to contribute greatly to the success of varsity teams and the spirit of the entire MBA student body.

After a week of hard work last summer at MTSU cheerleading camp, the squad arouses school enthusiasm and encourages student participation in all facets of varsity athletics. With the combination of their excellent acrobatics and fervent cheering, the cheerleaders have successfully aroused the MBA fans at all contests.

The cheerleaders' success has

been shown in a number of ways, especially in their Friday pep rallies. The Overton pep rally was such a success that Mr. Drake was heard to say: "It [the pep rally] was one of the best that I have ever seen." Thanks to the help of Mr. Rick Carter and Dr. Nancy Thomas, the 1982-83 cheerleading season looks to be a success.

This year's cheerleaders are: seniors Wade Wilkinson, George Lynch, Doug Jenkins, Bob McConnell, Elizabeth Graves, Heidi Wallace, Beth Clarke, Ginger Sullivan and juniors Gary Asher, Dave Wood, Garth Fails, Arthur Jones, Tish Tully, Susan Simmons, and Amanda Oldham.

College Representatives Schedule

October 26	St. Louis University University of Tampa Engineering and Management Institution
October 27	Washington and Lee University Louisiana College
November 1	University of Chicago
November 2	Emory University
November 8	Georgetown University Kenyon College
November 17	Southern Methodist University
November 18	Duke University Furman University Case Western Reserve University
November 19	Amherst University Colgate University

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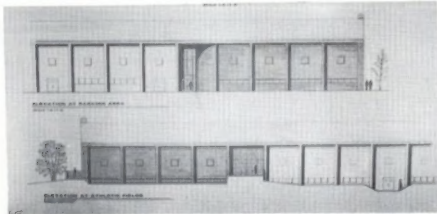
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These diagrams are speculative plans for an addition to the present MBA gymnasium.

New Junior School Brings Some Changes

By CHRIS KELLEY

This year there have been many changes on the MBA campus, one of these changes being the new Jack C. Massey Building. The construction of this building has enabled the Junior School to separate itself structurally from the High School, providing a certain amount of independence from the High School. *Bell Ringer* reporter Chris Kelley interviewed Dr. Gaffney, Head of the Junior School about changes in the Junior School that this new separation has initiated.

Bell Ringer: Dr. Gaffney, the September issue of the MBA "News and Views" indicated in an article about the Massey Building that class size has been reduced from twenty-three to a maximum of seventeen students per class. Will this decrease in class size change the enrollment in any way?

Dr. Gaffney: No, this will not affect enrollment. The number of students attending the Junior School will remain the same; however, since there are more classrooms, we can now divide up the students so that there are fewer students per classroom.

Bell Ringer: Does the Junior School have a centralized 8th period study hall similar to the one conducted in Wallace Hall for the High School, or is study hall conducted in the homerooms the same way they used to in the Ball Building?

Dr. Gaffney: The study hall procedure has remained the same as before; it is still conducted in the homerooms.

Bell Ringer: reporter Chris Kelley also learned that the Junior School has changed very little as far as

lunch and the curriculum is concerned. However, when asked if the atmosphere has changed, the enthusiastic Dr. Gaffney replied, "Tremendously!" He said that the new students seem happier in these new quarters, especially with such amenities as central air conditioning and heating and that the students have much respect for the new building. Smooth traffic flow was another virtue that Dr. Gaffney said has improved the atmosphere, recalling the close quarters in the Ball Building.

During this interview Dr. Gaffney defined the function of the Junior School and its interaction with the High School. He said that the Junior School prepares the student for High School. He believed this role was very important in keeping the integrity of the School. The first class in the Jack C. Massey Building comes from twenty-six different elementary schools with different philosophies, the head of the Junior School said. The Junior School acts like a "melting pot" to prepare the individual for High School.

The construction of the Jack C. Massey Building has aided the separation of the Junior School from the High School by making the Junior School, with its own office, learning facilities, and science lab, a separate entity from the High School. However, although the Junior School is physically removed from the High School, it will still continue to work with the High School to provide a well balanced education and to uphold MBA's tradition of academic excellence.

New Gym Plans Announced

By CANNON THOMAS

As a part of the campus expansion now underway at MBA, the Board of Trustees has decided to make a significant addition to the standing gymnasium.

This new structure, at a cost of 1-2 million dollars, will be one of the most significant additions to the campus in the expansion plan.

The building, which is to extend to the east of the present gym, will not change the appearance of the structure significantly except for the obvious increase in size. At the same time, facilities greatly needed on campus will be made available to the students.

On the upper level, a small gym floor will be built. This floor will be used primarily by the junior school and freshman students for

their games and practices. Also, it will be used for all school dances, the present floor really being too big for this purpose.

Essentially, the bottom floor will replace the old green building. A new weight room and a wrestling room will be constructed. However, there will be a few other additions which will help solve some inconveniences with the present facility. New locker rooms will make room in the standing structure for a science laboratory to be added. Also, a laundry room will save the school time and money by allowing towels and uniforms to be washed on campus.

Of course, the addition has been one of the most greatly needed improvements on campus for a long time. It will be greatly appreciated by all who use the present facility.

Seniors Compile Impressive AP Scores

By ARSHAD KHAN

The Advanced Placement Examinations, otherwise known as "A.P.s," a test administered by the College Board in Princeton, New Jersey, has been offered at MBA since the early 1960's. These exams which allow outstanding high students, generally juniors and seniors, a chance to earn academic college credit in the fields of mathematics, language, science, and English, and give students an opportunity to forego required college classes. The tests are based on a 5 point scale, with 5 being the top score, one, the lowest, and three or four to be the accepted grade for most colleges. Since 1975, 346 MBA students have taken at least one AP exam; and these candidates have taken 874 examinations and have scored 3 or better on 756 of these, an 87 percentage of passing.

Last year's (1981-82) junior and senior classes, although bettering the national average, remain, in terms of AP exams, an average class. Last year, 61 boys from these classes took a total of 150 exams, in varied subjects including American

History, Art History, European History, Biology, Chemistry, English, French, Latin, and Calculus. Of the 150 exams taken, 118 tests had generally acceptable scores of 3 or better, almost 79 percent of the total exams. In general, histories, especially American, led all courses in tests taken (44) and tests passed (24), with English composition/literature and chemistry were the next most widely taken test. However, chemistry, for the amount of tests taken, had the lowest number of 3's (or below) — for the most part, unacceptable grades. The breakdown of scores (5's-24; 4's-40; 3's-54; 2's-23, 1's-9) for last year's class was above the previous year's class but below 1979-80's class, generally considered to be one of the most productive years in MBA's Advanced Placement experience.

As for the students taking this year's exams, Mr. Drake predicts "that this year's senior class has scored well on standardized tests" and he "sees them doing well this year because of their unlimited potential."

at MBA, it promises to be one of the best tracks in the South.

In order to put in the new track, five tennis courts had to be torn apart. To replace these courts, five new courts were built between the new baseball field and the old tennis courts. The old courts still standing were resurfaced and relined. For the new courts, line distances and surfaces were improved over the old courts.

A new, much needed baseball field was installed below the football field. It, like the other new facilities at MBA, was designed to be the best available. It is irrigated, has a twenty-foot backstop, and its infield is covered with a handsome, easily-managed, clay-based dirt. Again, the MBA baseball field is one of the best thought out baseball facilities in the area.

Since the groundbreaking on February 17, the parking lot has grown into a new junior school building. This building is like the old brick-columned buildings with all the modern conveniences. Upon entry, one is astonished by the combination of beauty and practicality of the building. The Jack C. Massey building, costing \$800,000 (second in cost to the expansion of the gym), is completed and being used.

Even though \$1.8 million have already been spent, MBA is not finished spending. The work on the gymnasium will cost almost as much as the work that has already been done. Several million dollars are also being set aside to expand the endowment fund. So far, MBA can be assured of a bright future.

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Double Header Week of New Music

By MARK OLDHAM

Living in Nashville can present quite a problem for those whose ears appreciate a different sound. Unfortunately, the Music City rarely draws quality acts in the category that most people call "new wave." However, in a period of seven days in September, two such bands hit Nashville for a double header of stunning performances.

On the evening of Saturday, September 11, The Stray Cats, to the awed disbelief of many, rocked through an hour and a half set at Cantrell's. The Stray Cats, a Long Island based Rockabilly trio, were recently hailed as the "next big thing" by the English Press, during their two year stay in Britain. Opening for the headliner was the local group Mourning After, a semi-accomplished hardcore-punk trio that failed to arouse much response from the capacity crowd.

After an over-extended period of equipment checking had occurred, The Stray Cats finally hit the stage (11:30 p.m.). The band made their entrance in full fifties-style regalia: ducktail haircuts, tattoos, and rolled shirt sleeves. The trio played their homage to 1950's rockabilly star Gene Vincent by opening the set with "Put Your Cat Clothes On." The Stray Cats' performance was highlighted by Brian Setzer's mindblowing guitar wizardry on such old standards as "Jennie, Jen-

nie, Jennie," "Rock This Town," and "Fishnet Stockings." Although the floor was crowded, the audience seemed to have no trouble dancing to an extended version of the popular "Stray Cat Strut."

After a blistering set of great rock, The Stray Cats proved that they are one of the few bands left who can carry on the old tradition of Rock and Roll started by such legends as Buddy Holly and Elvis Presley.

The second concert of this fun-filled week was given by the Talking Heads on Thursday evening, September 16, in Vanderbilt's Memorial Gymnasium. In contrast with the Saturday night crowd, the Vanderbilt audience was composed mostly of curious college students attempting to fit the stereotyped mold of a punk rocker. However, to the surprise of many, the Talking Heads' music is neither punk nor what most people would consider "new wave." At precisely 8:00 p.m., Jason and The Nashville Scorchers began to play their country-punk style of music in hopes of getting the crowd excited. Yet, to the dismay of Jason and his band, the audience seemed too uninterested or unprepared for his fast, raw type of music. Ultimately, the Scorchers were forced to exit the stage earlier than planned.

The Vanderbilt stage crew was well prepared, and they went through the sound check pro-

cedures very quickly. At 8:45, the Talking Heads arrived on stage to deafening crowd cheers. The band opened the show with "Psycho Killer," a cut from an early album. Throughout the concert, the Heads showed incredible technical competency in the performance of their afro-funk style of music.

David Byrne, lead vocalist and front man of the band, displayed his unique dance styles on the crowd favorite "Once in a Lifetime." Yet, probably the most impressive band member was lead guitarist Adrian Belew, a soul musician who has played with such notables as Rick James, David Bowie, and Parliament.

As expected, The Talking Heads received the most crowd response from their two radio hits "Take Me To The River" (a song originally sung by James Brown) and "Life During Wartime." To the delight of the audience, Byrne fervently sang: "This ain't no party, This ain't no disco"; by the looks of things in Memorial Gym, this line seemed to utter little truth. Coming out for a second encore, The Talking Heads closed the show with "Crosseyed and Painless," a single from their latest album, "Remain in Light."

Although the Stray Cats and The Talking Heads may not be top forty material, this exciting week of music surely will be one to remember.



The Stray Cats (from left to right): Slim Jim Phantom, Brian Setzer, and Lee Rocker.

The Who Release "It's Hard"

By BURTON ANDERSON

The problem with every new Who album is the necessity of both fans and critics to compare the latest effort to the band's history of the past eighteen years. *It's Hard*, the Who's new album, passes all tests. The new album is probably the most broadminded and certainly the most political album the band has produced since *Who's Next*. The lyrics are straightforward and pointed. In a recent interview, Pete Townshend, guitarist and songwriter of the Who, commented, "[The new album] is probably the most self-conscious and probably the most dangerous record we've ever sat on. We've actually sat down and found the common denominator."

All Who albums depend upon Townshend's writing—the most brilliant, adventurous, and lacerating in all rock. Over the last few years, it seemed that the Who was an ineffective medium for Townshend's talents. Instead, Townshend found outlets through relatively successful solo albums—*Empty Glass* and most recently *All The Best Cowboys Have Chinese Eyes*. However, *It's Hard* presents a band that has rediscovered itself, and a man who has come to terms with his life and the world.

The songs range in scope from

political criticism to social sarcasm. "Eminence Front," the most different Who song ever recorded, has a funky synth track where Townshend criticizes the high class socialites who hide behind their faces of superiority.

Roger Daltrey vindictively wails for the interminable suffering in "Cooks County." On the lighter side, the single and the opener of the album "Athena" is a trademark Who song. While Daltrey complains about his girl, Townshend simply responds "She's just a girl." However, the premier track on the album is "I've Known No War" — an anthem song for the 80's. "War — I've known no war / I'll never know war / And if I ever know it / The glimpse will be short / Fireball in the sky." Townshend comments, "[The song] is very archetypal, very 60's issue, but it's also bloody great." As Townshend sets the tone of the album, John Entwistle adds an increasingly important balance to the album with his accustomed bemoaning about sex, drugs, and the life of an aging rock star.

The entire band's performance is simply superb. There exists a large number of young an old alike that the Who command as well as a demanding audience that's hard to satisfy. On *It's Hard*, the Who accomplish just that.

"Signals" A Study In Monotony

By JOHN LEVY

In the past few years, the Canadian band Rush has developed quite a successful following through a string of FM hits, including "The Spirit of Radio," "Closer to the Heart," and "Tom Sawyer." Many of the band's newer fans don't realize that Rush started as a heavy metal, guitar-based power trio. It has only been in the past few years and two or three albums that Rush has moved toward a more pop-influenced, keyboard-textured sound. Any traces of the early heavy metal days were virtually eliminated with last year's *Moving Pictures* album.

With their latest release, *Signals*, Rush indicates that the *Moving Pictures* sound is here to stay. To be sure, the band still lets loose here and there, but the whole L.P.

seems quite formulated. Spontaneity does not abound in these grooves, with the possible exception of the electrifying guitar solo in the "Analog Kid."

Of course, the band once again turns in a handful of flawless technical performances, highlighted by drummer Neil Peart's precise, insightful lyrics. The album's best cuts are "Subdivisions," and the previously released single "New World Man." As a whole *Signals* is a good solid album, but it lacks the progressiveness and musical growth that previous Rush albums have highlighted.

In brief, this record sounds like a bunch of leftovers from the last one. Rush fans who consider "Tom Sawyer" the Rush song will love this album; I was left only with an intense desire to crank up my old copy of *Permanent Waves*.

Back-to-School Blues Not So Bad

For two successive weekends, Music City was fortunate enough to get a double dose of the blues. The first of two big blues extravaganzas was the annual Rites of Fall festival held at Vanderbilt's Alumni Lawn on Saturday afternoon, Sept. 25th. The concert opened with local talent Bobby Bradford and Soul Patrol, who, in spite of a small crowd, made an impressive showing. The next band featured Sam Lay, the former drummer of the Paul Butterfield Blues Band; however, before the end of the second song, it began to rain, and the show was postponed until later that evening. The Sam Lay Band then took the stage a second time in the hot, jam-packed

coffee house below Carmichael Towers. Each member of the six-piece band sang several songs, and the audience was very responsive. The festival ended with headliner Albert Collins and the Ice Breakers, who brought the entire crowd to its feet with long, repetitious instrumental jams.

On Sunday, Oct. 3rd, the second event, A Tribute to the Blues, was held at Municipal Auditorium. This show attracted such top blues names as Z.Z. Hill, Bobby "Blue" Bland, and B.B. King. Each performer brought a separate back-up band that played a few songs prior to the stars' introduction. Z.Z. Hill opened the show

with his powerful soul voice which got the crowd going. Bobby "Blue" Bland followed with an extremely talented band whose jazz sound seemed to mellow the crowd. Then B.B. King took over and sparked the audience back to life with a performance of his most popular songs intermingled with his colorful narration concerning the psychology of superficial human relationships. (Wha' you and yo mama gon' do aftar de show).

All in all the two weekends of blues were a good way to get over the back-to-school doldrums, and if nothing else, a pleasant relief from the normal grudge which dominates the airwaves.

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Class News

Freshmen...

By HOWARD TIDWELL

After a long summer, the freshman class returns with sixty old students and forty new "gentlemen." In ending a lengthy campaign, George Mabry was elected class president. Two honorable students, Bill Cochran and Robbie Bueno, were elected Honor Council representatives. Talbot Masten was the first MBA team member to score a touchdown on the new field to start off the freshman football team with a good start. What is Rob Ikard doing in Biology? The freshman class enjoyed a satisfying picnic at Saint Cecilia.

Sophomores...

By SCOTT CAREY

Another year has arrived and with it we've got new student council representatives. Just in case we've forgotten who they are, they are: Harry Peffen-Pres., Buzz Frahn-Vice-Pres., Michael Pirie-Sec., and Mac Harcastle-Treas. Rob Alley and David Chickey are our Honor Council representatives again.

So far this year in the news, Bobby Reeves is back after taking ninth grade off, but lost are Jim Denton and Will Pridemore. MBA is definitely quieter and safer. However, Steve Stroman has gotten his license. Harry Payne is doing 120 on Belle Meade Boulevard? NAW! A lack of desire to do homework at night for only six weeks.

Juniors...

Congrats due to Michael "Sleepy" Fabian for throwing the first ghetto party of the decade... New assembly program, student-teacher debates: first one Tim Don versus Dr. Niemeyer... Somal! Spiccoli enrolls at school... Greg Moore misses athletics for seventh straight month, how sick can he be?... How much stress can O'Neal's pants stand?... Junior cheerleaders maintaining "high" school spirits... Where's Ronnie Munkebo?... This week's quiz: name a former track star turned football player who holds a Ph.D.

in English? First correct answer can pick up keys to Chrysler Cordoba in Mr. Pruitt's office... Juniors' luck continues: Vandy game on same night at St. Cecilia Combo, How many used that excuse?... Next issue we will cover everything from the peak efficiency of the cafeteria to what's keeping Bubba Tirrell busy on weekends...

Yours in mastery of the English language: Mavelous Marv, Aldo Cella, and Pierre Littbarski. Bill Bainbridge is no longer after 8th grade girls, now he is really robbing the cradle. Rob Alley was heard saying, "Honest, Mr. Drake, I've already run my 15 miles." And finally, Wesley Coleman almost made it to assembly on time!

Seniors...

By GEORGE SMITH

Because there is a severe lack of the moronic gossip which normally would fill the Senior News, we will be very brief in this particular issue; however, we will, of course, make use of what is available. First of all, congratulations are in order to Chip Herbert, who, after several hours of terribly painful labor, gave birth to his very first kidney stone while on his date Friday night. After an exhausting road trip to Farragut, two particular spectators managed to get lost for several hours after the game in spite of the fact that they had two of the Admiral's best bloodhounds leading them throughout the Cedar Bluff area. New hairstyles run rampant on the hill, as several seniors emulate their favorite stars. John Heer takes on the Conway Twitty look while John Levy dyes his hair the color of Eddie Van Halen's ear wax. Jim Fite, while trying to protect "Cowbut", secured his already high chances of getting rejected at the door by the homecoming queen. The eternal question of the S.C.: "Is there life after Burton's house?" Finally, half the senior class enjoyed an excellent Vandy-Florida game and frat partying afterwards leaving the homecoming dance to the underclassmen.

Freshman Football

By JOHN EDWARDS

The freshman football team opened its season with a 33-6 thrashing of the Hillsboro Burros. As coach Steve Williams saw it, "We were fortunate early in the game." The freshmen scored two touchdowns in the first quarter. Talbot Masten scored the first touchdown on a short run, and quarterback Dave Malone scored moments later on the option play. From this point, the freshmen rolled easily to victory. Playing well offensively for MBA were quarterbacks Dave Malone and Takis Patikas, tailback Paul Soper, speedy utility back Pete Smith, and the entire freshman offensive line. The defense was led by Robbie Bueno, who intercepted a pass and made numerous tackles. Robert Harris and Robbie McNair also each intercepted passes. In addition, tackles Jay Owen and Robert Page played well in defense for the MBA freshmen.

The team lost its next game 13-12 to a tough Overton squad in an overtime heartbreaker. The Big Red trailed most of the game 6-0

scored in the final minutes to send the game into overtime. The overtime began with MBA on offense with only four plays in which to score from the Overton ten. Dave Malone scored again on a keeper play to put the freshmen ahead 12-6. Unfortunately, the two-point conversion attempt failed. Overton then took over on offense and scored. The extra point attempt was good, giving Overton the win, 13-12.

The freshmen lost their second game of the season to Apollo 28-14. MBA led at halftime 14-7, but the offense was unable to score again while Apollo scored three second-half touchdowns. Pete Smith and Dave Malone both scored. Coach Williams said that he hoped his team learned from the losses that "During the course of a game, no matter how talented one is, one must play with a certain degree of intensity to be effective."

Despite a lone victory in three attempts, the freshman football team has much talent that should propel them to numerous victories later in the year.

Hearty Hikers Take First Trip

By AARON ISHERWOOD and BERT CHAFFIN

The Outing Club began its first sojourn on Friday, September 24. Hikers included Bert Chaffin, Ross Ballenger, Andrew Stuart, Alex Davis, Scott Pearson, Paul Tidwell, Charlie Cox, Aaron Isherwood, James Forsythe, and the indomitable leader Coach Womack.

The adventurous group left Nashville at 2:40 Friday afternoon, arriving at "Womack Shack II" around 11:00 p.m. The next morning the group set out for the trailhead of the Appalachian Trail at Spivey Gap. After an onerous ascent up to High Rocks, the hikers, gazing at the spectacular view, sat down to breakfast while the rain began. Tragically, it was later discovered that the Sarah Lee cake had been left at this location.

The group then began a descent while listening to the sounds of ukulele and recorder (which Bert and Aaron packed in) blossoming through the mountainside like birds chirping on a cool autumn day. The hikers arrived at Whitling Gap where they practiced various forms of meditation in preparation for the massastic ascent up Little Bald. With the rains increasing, we approached the summit of Little Bald only to discover that the final destination was Big Bald which lay several

miles in the distance. Flowing through dense fog and flourishing weeds, the hikers, driven by some spiritual force in their inner soul, finally attained the summit of Big Bald. The fog parted by what seemed to be divine providence yielding a majestic view of Mt. Mitchell and the Wolf Laurel Ski slopes.

After enjoying a delectable lunch, we began our final descent to the campsite at Low Gap. Pausing briefly at an emergency shelter just off the trail, the hikers enjoyed peace of mind and soul. We reached the campsite and set up tents while our leader started the campfire.

After suppering on luscious T-bone steaks, we discussed the follies of Robin Beard, and religious philosophies of "Jethro Tull's" Ian Anderson. We retired for the evening filled with keen expectations of what was to come the next day. At 2:00 a.m. the next morning, the group awoke to the terror of James Forsythe as he explained that a bear had been grunting and snorting for nearly two hours and was now pushing against his tent. Investigation, however, revealed that James' bear was none other than the wheezing and sneezing Paul Tidwell and the backpack that James had left leaning against his tent.

The next morning, the hikers enjoyed a scrumptious breakfast before starting their final odyssey. The hikers then hiked to Street Gap where a group picture was taken. The group hiked up a ridge where it was decided that another adventurer should hike out the garbage from the previous evening's feast. The loss of a coin was unfavorable to Mr. Womack. Our leader emphatically refused to carry the garbage, explaining that responsibility to mature hikers should not be decided by the flip of a coin. When the smoke had lifted and the hikers had emerged from their protective barriers, the crew continued its journey. Hikers could be seen running at break-neck speed, toward their final destination, driven by harrowing rebel yells. Several hours later the group emerged at Spivey Gap and the MBA van. Meanwhile, Paul Tidwell went down the road in search of water where he had found a fountain over which was a sign that said "Partake of our water, but please do not take our weed."

The road home was highlighted by sleep, poker, flute sessions, Moody Blues, Yes, and Jethro Tull. We arrived at MBA at 5:30 Sunday afternoon. The Outing Club will go the Appalachian Trail again in November.

Microbe Cross Country

By DAVID WOOD and TREY OWEN

The 1982 Microbe Cross Country team, coached by Mr. Frank Novak and Dr. Robert Ward, finished their season second overall in the Harpeth Valley Athletic Conference.

In early meets, the team led by Rob Crowell, Andy Davis, Jim Zibus, and Steve Zibus soundly defeated Ensworth 16 to 45 by taking the first four places, and tied with a strong Northside team.

The first meet of the HVAC finals took place at MBA, Saturday, October 2, while the second part occurred the following Wednesday. The microbes managed to finish second overall behind only Northside. Running well throughout the year were Scott Boone, Andy Davis, Rob Crowell, and the Zibus brothers, Jimmy and Steve.

With an excellent season at their heels, the Microbe Cross Country team will certainly provide Mr. Drake with future Varsity talent.

Microbe Football

By DAVID F. WOOD

This year's Microbe Football team, coached by Bill Compton, Dan Herring, Michael Caldwell, Michael Zenanko, and Vandy student Dick Brubaker, started their season with an impressive 30-0 win over an error-riddled FRA team on September 9.

Over the next two weeks, the Little Red compiled impressive victories over Ezell-Harding 8-0, and Ensworth 8-6. The following Thursday, September 30, the team made their first trip to Page. After struggling for the first quarter, the Microbes rallied for two touchdowns and went on to down a large Page team 18-0. Touchdowns were scored by seventh grader Em-

mett Russell, Brennan Martin and Clay Trabue. Tight end Trabue led all rushers with 118 yards in four carries.

Unfortunately the Microbes' undefeated record was tarnished by a heartbreaking 7-0 loss in the last twenty seconds to Northside.

The Microbe B-Team is definitely a team to watch for future improvements. Although losing their first game, Coach Elliott felt "for the first game the defense played especially well and the offense improved as the game progressed."

With continuing practice and gaining confidence, the entire 1982 Microbe Football team can expect to make great contributions to future varsity teams.



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J.V. Football Team Rambles

Last Friday, the Big Red suffered a crucial loss to a powerful Antioch team. Scoring for MBA were Chris Hines on a touchdown pass and Lee Bryant for a two-point conversion. The Big Red take on the Hillsboro Burros tonight at 7:30 at Hillsboro, hoping to better their 2-5 record.

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In complimenting the team, Coach Morel said, "This team really gets after people." In looking ahead, Coach Regen added, "This team is really going to help the Varsity in the future."